



SUPERIOR-GREENSTONE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Our Mission:

“Working together to engage students through meaningful learning and empower them to build the skills They need to be successful today and in the future”.

Our Vision:

“To meet the needs of all learners while Sparking curiosity and joy in learning”.

Our Motto:

“Small schools make a difference”.

Our Values:

- “Positive, professional relationships & sense of team
- Kindness with expectations
- Learner mindset & dedication to ongoing innovation
- Belief that experience teaches, engages & connects”.

Regular Board Meeting 2026/04 M I N U T E S

Monday, February 23, 2026 – 6:30 p.m.

Videoconference & Teleconference

Microsoft Teams meeting
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Board Chair: Pinky McRae

Director: Will Goodman

Location: Board Office, Videoconference & Teleconference

Recorder: G. Christianson

PART I: Regular Board Meeting
PART II: Committee of the Whole Board

Section (A): – (open to public): 6:30 p.m.
Section (B) In-Camera: – (closed to public) 8:13 p.m.

1.0 Roll Call

<u>Trustees</u>	<i>Attendance: On-site (OS); Teleconference (TC); Videoconference (VC); Absent (A); Regrets (R)</i>										
	OS	TC	VC	A	R		OS	TC	VC	A	R
Brunskill, Dr. Megan	x					Nesbitt, Jason			x		
Fairservice, Dan (<i>censure</i>)						Pristanski, Kal			x		
Jarvis, Allison			x			Michano, Julie	x				
Liscomb, Pat				x		Anthony, Miley (Student)					x
McRae, Pinky	x					McLeod, Rylee (Student)			x		
Hardy, Pam			x			Sabourin, Sam (Student)			x		

<u>Board Administrators</u>	<i>Attendance: On-site (OS); Teleconference (TC); Videoconference (VC); Absent (A); Regrets (R)</i>				
	OS	TC	VC	A	R
Goodman, William: <i>Director of Education</i>	x				
Leroux, Carole: <i>Superintendent of Education</i>	x				
Love-Jedruch, Flora: <i>Superintendent of Education</i>	x				
Marton, Alex: <i>Superintendent of Business</i>			x		
Balog, Tara: <i>Assistant Superintendent</i>			x		
Brewster, Annick: <i>Assistant Superintendent</i>			x		
Harris, Brent: <i>Assistant Superintendent</i>					x
Muir, Gordon: <i>Manager of Plant Services/Transportation</i>			x		
Kashak, Doug: <i>Manager of Mental Health</i>			x		
Dee, Christine: <i>Team Lead – Payroll Services</i>			x		
Chouinard, Connie: <i>Team Lead – Business Services</i>			x		
Nault, Denis: <i>Manager of Human Resources</i>			x		
Lucas, Jay: <i>Team Lead - Information Technology Services</i>			x		
Kitchener, Nick: <i>Manager of Information Technology</i>			x		
Bartlett, Shy-Anne: <i>Manager of Indigenous Education</i>			x		
Christianson, GerriLynn: <i>Executive Assistant & Communications Coordinator</i>	x				
Zeleny, Lisa: <i>Executive Assistant</i>			x		

Land Acknowledgement

Superintendent of Education Carole Leroux provided the land acknowledgement.

2.0 Regular Meeting Call to Order**35/26**

Moved by: Trustee J. Michano

Second: Trustee J. Nesbitt

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB Regular Board Meeting on Monday, February 23, 2026, be called to order at 6:34 p.m.

Carried**3.0 Trustee Attendance**

Moved by: Trustee J. Nesbitt

Second: Trustee J. Michano

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✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone District School Board approves the absence of Trustee Jason Nesbitt, Kal Pristanski, Allison Jarvis, and Pam Hardy from the Regular Board Meeting scheduled for February 23, 2026, and that the Trustee be recorded as “excused with approval of the Board,” in accordance with Section 228(1)(d) and Regulation 313/24 of the Education Act.

Carried

Trustee Pat Liscomb was not in attendance and did not provide notice of his absence. The Director will contact Trustee Liscomb and the matter will be brought forward at the next meeting for decision.

4.0 Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Trustee M. Brunskill

Second: Trustee J. Michano

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✓ **That**, the agenda for the Superior-Greenstone DSB 2026/04 Regular Board Meeting, February 23, 2026, be accepted and approved.

Carried**5.0 Disclosures of Interest re: Open Session**

There were no disclosures of interest provided at this time.

6.0 Minutes: Board Meetings and Board Committee Meetings**6.1 Board Meeting Minutes**

Moved by: Trustee K. Pristanski

Second: Trustee J. Michano

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✓ **That**, the minutes of the following Board Meeting be adopted as presented:

1. Regular Board Meeting 2026/03: January 26, 2026.

Carried**6.2 Board Committee Meeting Minutes****6.2.1 Committee Meeting Minutes****39/26**

Moved by: Trustee M. Brunskill

Second: Trustee J. Nesbitt

✓ **That**, the minutes of the following Board Committee meetings be acknowledged as received:

1. Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting Nov 12, 2025
2. Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting December 9, 2025
3. Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting January 13, 2026
4. Indigenous Education Advisory Committee Meeting Nov 4, 2025

Carried**7.0 Business Arising Out of the Minutes**

Nil.

8.0 Delegations and/or Presentations

- 8.1 Showcasing Learning: Beardmore Public School Community Connections and Partnership at BEPS
Director Will Goodman provided an introduction to the video that has been prepared by Beardmore Public School Vice-Principal Ania Laffrenier. The presentation highlighted innovative and creative learning at BEPS.
- 8.2 Excellence in Education: Margaret Twomey Public School - Meaningful Community Connections and Partnerships
Vice-Principal Caterina Tolone prepared a prerecorded video presentation that highlighted Margaret Twomey Public School's work to create meaningful community connections and partnerships.

Note: Trustee Pam Hardy attended the meeting at 6:44 p.m.

- 8.3 Report No. 18: Student Trustee Report: February 2026
Student Trustee Rylee McLeod presented a report highlighting efforts to increase engagement in Student Senate meetings, including exploring new meeting formats and gathering student voice during the upcoming Greenstone visit. He also reflected on learning from the Public Education Symposium (PES) and how those insights will support student leadership work. The Board Chair expressed appreciation for the focus on strengthening student engagement.

9.0 Reports and Matters for Decision

- 9.1 Board Committee Reports: (Statutory / Standing / Ad Hoc)
- 9.1.1 Special Education Advisory Committee Report
The committee last met on February 10, 2026. The agenda topics discussed at the meeting included several presentations and discussions regarding the special education funding and allocation for equipment. At the meeting the Director provided a review of the pulse check updates from the recent survey. The next meeting is scheduled for March 10, 2026.
- 9.1.2 Indigenous Education Advisory Committee Report
The Committee last met on February 3, 2026. The agenda included topics such as the board action plan, funding, and concerns regarding impacts of Bill 33. The next meeting is scheduled for April 14, 2026 and will potentially be held in community.
- 9.1.3 Parent Engagement Committee Report
The Parent Engagement Committee hosted a virtual presentation on February 17, 2026. All families across the district were invited to the presentation. Author and AI expert Dan Fitzpatrick spoke about AI in Education and how we can prepare our children for the new world of AI. The event was well attended by both staff and families. The next presentation is scheduled for April 21, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. with the topic of Vaping. On June 2nd the presentation topic is Cell Phones, by expert Hanna Beach.

10.0 Reports of the Business / Negotiations Committee

*Superintendent of Business: Alex Marton
Assistant Superintendent: Brent Harris*

- 10.1 Report No. 19: Board Estimate Process for 2026-2027
Superintendent Alex Marton provided a review of the Board Estimate Process report that outlines the scope and process for the development of the 2026-2027 school budget.
- 10.2 Report No. 20: 2025-2026 Trustee Professional Development Funds Update
An update on the Trustee Professional Development Funds Report was presented, providing revised information since the previous report shared in October 2025. The report outlines current allocations, encumbered expenses, and available budget lines to support Trustee participation in upcoming professional development opportunities. Trustees discussed several upcoming conferences and events, including the Education Labour Relations & Human Resources

Symposium, OPSBA AGM, and CSBA Congress, and will confirm attendance based on interest and availability. It was noted that some expenses have been estimated where travel claims have not yet been received, and that registrations have been secured in advance for the CSBA Congress to ensure availability. Trustees also noted upcoming board-related travel and the next onsite Board meeting scheduled for May 25, 2026, at Manitowadge High School.

- 10.3 Report No. 21: Release of Surplus Funds No. 02
Superintendent of Business Alex provided a detailed review of the report that outlined the request for the release of surplus funds for the renovations at Terrace Bay Public School.

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Moved by: Trustee J. Nesbitt Second: Trustee M. Brunskill

✓ That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB approves for release \$525,000 in accumulated surplus funds for use in capital projects for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

Carried

11.0 Reports of the Director of Education

Director of Education: William Goodman

- 11.1 Report No. 22: Director's Monthly Report: February 2026
Director of Education Will Goodman provided a review of the Director's Monthly Report that showcases the work happening in schools across the district.

- 11.2 Report No. 23: Proposed School Year Calendar 2026/2027

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Moved by: Trustee J. Michano Second: Trustee K. Pristanski

✓ That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB having received Report No. 22: Proposed School Year Calendar 2026/2027, accepts the Calendar, and that, Administration is directed to forward the proposed Modified School Year Calendar to the Ministry of Education for its approval.

Carried

- 11.3 Report No. 24: 2026 Graduation Dates and Times

The report was provided for information. The George O'Neill Public School Graduation date was received after the agenda package was distributed. The Graduation date will be June 18, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

12.0 Reports of the Education Committee

*Superintendent of Education: Carole Leroux
Superintendent of Education: Flora Love-Jedruch
Assistant Superintendent: Tara Balog
Assistant Superintendent: Annick Brewster*

- 12.1 Report No. 25: Board Action Plan (BAP) on Indigenous Education

Shy-Anne Bartlett, Manager of Indigenous Education, presented the 2025–2026 Board Action Plan on Indigenous Education, outlining the process used to develop the plan in collaboration with the Indigenous Education Advisory Committee (IEAC) to ensure funding allocations align with community priorities. The development process included two full days of engagement to review allocations, followed by sharing the plan with communities for feedback before submission to the Ministry. The report provides a detailed breakdown of supports and reflects the Board's commitment to working collaboratively with Indigenous communities to determine how funds are allocated. Next steps include continued engagement with communities to finalize allocations ahead of the upcoming school year and ongoing data collection requirements for the 2026–2027 planning cycle. Trustees expressed appreciation for the clarity of the report and the work involved in supporting Indigenous education initiatives.

- 12.2 Report No. 26: Mental Health and Wellbeing, Meaningful Community Connections and Partnerships

Doug Kashak, Manager of Mental Health, presented a report on Mental Health and Wellbeing: Meaningful Community Connections and Partnerships, highlighting the Board's coordinated and culturally responsive system of care. The report outlined strong collaboration with community partners, including 98 case conferences with community providers, 23 meetings with First Nation representatives regarding student supports, and 23 meetings with mental health organizations, as well as participation on several strategic tables such as the Education and Mental Health

Collective. Doug also noted the upcoming Youth Wellness Hub that will support communities in Manitouwadge and Nipigon, ongoing collaboration with Indigenous partners through Circle of Care meetings with Elders and community representatives, and partnerships that support crisis response protocols. Trustees expressed appreciation for the work underway and discussed the need to continue exploring partnerships within the acute medical system to address gaps in crisis care. It was noted that discussions are planned with regional partners at the end of March regarding the in-house treatment program in Thunder Bay, and the Board will continue to advocate for expanded supports.

12.3 Report No. 27: SGDSB Artificial Intelligence (AI) Implementation

Assistant Superintendent Annick Brewster presented a Board Report on Artificial Intelligence Implementation, outlining the Board's approach to preparing students for an evolving future while remaining grounded in human relationships, critical thinking, and strong learning foundations. The presentation highlighted the Board's commitment to innovation through building capacity for educators and students, the use of approved AI tools, targeted professional learning, and a phased implementation approach focused on awareness and safeguards, instructional integration grounded in digital literacy, and long-term sustainability and continuous improvement.

Trustees engaged in discussion regarding the potential for a guiding policy or principles related to AI, the importance of transparency when AI is used, and ensuring that its implementation continues to support student achievement and critical thinking. It was noted that guiding principles will be shared and reviewed regularly, and the topic will also be brought forward to the Board Policy Review Committee for further discussion.

13.0 New Business

Board Chair: P. McRae

13.1 Board Chair

The Board Chair provided updates to Trustees, including the approved recommendation to proceed with letters of advocacy to the local MPP, Mayors, and municipal councils, following guidance from OPSBA. Trustees discussed sending the letters from the Chair on behalf of the Board, using templates, and ensuring copies are shared with OPSBA. Trustees were also encouraged to support advocacy efforts by sharing relevant OPSBA information and petitions on social media where appropriate.

The Chair also reminded Trustees to complete the 360 performance review for Director Goodman circulated by Future Design School and to confirm their attendance in advance of meetings using the attendance confirmation form, the link for which is included in the agenda package emailed to Trustees.

13.2 Trustee Associations and Other Boards

13.2.1 OPSBA Board of Directors

Trustee Jason Nesbitt advised that he was unable to attend the recent Board of Directors meeting. He noted that the next meeting is scheduled for March 12th.

13.3 Trustee Activities

Trustee A. Jarvis advised that she attended the BAPS open house in conjunction with the PEC Presentation from Dan Fitzpatrick.

13.4 Ministry Updates for Trustees

Nil.

13.5 Future Board Meeting Agenda Items

Trustees were asked to please email the Board Chair or Director with any agenda requests for the next meeting.

14.0 Notice of Motion

Nil.

15.0 Observer Comments

Nil.

PART II: Committee of the Whole Board	Section (B) In-Camera: – (closed to public) 8:13 p.m.
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16.0 Committee of the Whole Board (In-Camera Closed)

16.1 Agenda: Committee of the Whole Board – Closed

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Moved by: Trustee M. Brunskill Second: Trustee J. Michano

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB go into a Committee of the Whole Board Section B (Closed Session) at 8:13 p.m. and that this portion be closed to the public.

Carried

16.2 Rise and Report from Closed Session

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Moved by: Trustee J. Michano Second: Trustee J. Nesbitt

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB rise and report from the Committee of the Whole Board Section B (Closed Session) at 8:16 p.m. and that this portion be open to the public.

Carried

17.0 Report of the Committee of the Whole Closed Section B

17.1 **44/26**

Moved by: Trustee K. Pristanski Second: Trustee M. Brunskill

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB Committee of the Whole, In-Camera Section B (Closed) Reports be adopted, including the confidential minutes from the meeting held as:

1. Organizational/ Regular Board Meeting 2026/03:January 26, 2026.

Carried

17.2 Other Recommendations from Committee of the Whole Closed Session

Nil.

18.0 Adjournment

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Moved by: Trustee J. Nesbitt Second: Trustee A. Jarvis

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB 2026/04 Regular Board Meeting, Monday, February 23, 2026 adjourn at 8:17, p.m.

Carried

2026 - Board Meetings		
<i>Board Office or Designated Site indicated in schedule. Time 6:30 p.m.</i>		
Monday, March 30, 2026		
Monday, April 1, 2026 <i>*Special Board Meeting</i>	Monday, April 27, 2026	Monday, May 25, 2026 <i>*Designate Site: Manitouwadge High School</i>
Monday, June 22, 2026	Monday, July 13, 2026	Monday, August 24, 2026
Monday, September 21, 2026 <i>*Designate Site: SGDSB Learning Centre</i>	Monday, October 19, 2026	Monday, November 9, 2026 (1:00 p.m.) <i>*Designate Site: Board Office</i>
Monday, December 7, 2026		

SUPERIOR-GREENSTONE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Regular Board Meeting 2026/04

Committee of the Whole Board: Closed Session.

Monday, February 23, 2026

Board Office, 12 Hemlo Drive, Marathon, Ontario

T O P I C S

Board Chair: <i>Pinky McRae</i>	<i>Director: William Goodman</i>
<i>Location: Board Office, Videoconference & Teleconference</i>	<i>Recorder: G. Christianson</i>

PART II: Committee of Whole Board – Closed	<i>Section (B): In-Camera 8:13 p.m.</i>
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- 1.0 Disclosure of Interest: re Closed Session
- 2.0 Approve Agenda: Committee of the Whole In-Camera (Closed)
- 3.0 In-Camera (closed) Meeting Minutes
 - 1. Organizational/ Regular Board Meeting 2026/03: January 26, 2026.

Regular Board Meeting 2026-04

Monday, February 23, 2026

MINUTES

APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2026

SECRETARY

CHAIR